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2D SIGNAL BRIGADE NEWSLETTER

"BRIGADE OF EXCELLENCE"



(Right to Left): COL Kilgo, CSM Brooks, CPT Sias and LTC Jarrell serve Thanksgiving meal at the Wiesbaden Dining Facility.



The 102d Signal Battalion and 2d Signal Brigade Command Teams intermingled in this photo on Thanksgiving outside the Wiesbaden Dining Facility. From left to right: COL Kilgo, MAJ Byrd, CSM Daniel, LTC Aslakson, 1SG Davis, CPT Sias, CPT Brown, SFC Juarez, SGM Moorer, LTC Jarrell and CSM Brooks.



Wishing an Excellent 2011!

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MESSAGE FROM THE BRIGADE COMMAND TEAM



COL Mitchell L. Kilgo

CSM Patrick Brooks

Dear Soldiers, Civilians, Friends and Family,

What an amazing Holiday Season we were able to enjoy in the Brigade of Excellence. Time has flown by since the change of command six months ago. I hope everyone had a chance to reflect on the many blessings we've received in 2010 and spend some quality time with their loved ones.

2011 came fast and furious and it will stay that way. This year abounds with exciting events from the Brigade FTX, to Regimental Week culminating in the 2011 Cyber-Ball held for the first time in Wiesbaden. There are many exciting training opportunities on the horizon.

I want everyone to know that I am truly enjoying my time in command and I appreciate everyone's hard work. It really makes a difference. And I want to close by saying: Continue to Bring It On! Have an Excellent 2011!

COL Mitchell L. Kilgo Brigade of Excellence



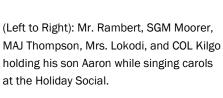
Left to Right: COL Kilgo, CSM Brooks, CSM Cherry and LTC Demko at the 43d Signal Battalion Holiday Social.

"I hope everyone had a chance to reflect on the many blessings we've received in 2010 and spend some quality time with their loved ones.."
- COL KIIgo





Our Civilian Deputy Brigade Commander Mr. John Baltich wins a raffle at the Holiday Social.











MESSAGE FROM THE 6981ST CIVILIAN SUPPORT GROUP





Dear Members, Friends, and Family of the 6981st:

We hope you all had a good start in 2011!

While we had good luck with the weather in November to fulfill our missions, it hit us hart with the unusual amount of snow in December. Those weather conditions have caused a lot of delays in accomplishing our tasks and projects. Not only the challenge with the road conditions but also the delayed work starts of our customers and the low temperatures to do cable work outside of buildings have been very challenging. Overall we are still happy with the work we have been able to complete or have been able to continue during this time.

In December we had our CIP inspection and got an overall result of 99%. Thanks to all personnel involved. This is a continued high level performance while doing all different kinds of tasks in support of our higher Commands, Soldiers and our other customers.

In December we also had our Holiday Season outing and visited the Weihnachtsmarkt at Mainz. This was a fine and well-deserved close-out of a busy and challenging year for all members of the 6981st CSG.

We connect!
Gerd Drechsler



Entrance of the Weihnachtsmarkt at Mainz

Winter at Coleman
Barracks in December

6981st does lunch at the Eisgrub Brewery



6981st Outing at the Weihnachtsmarkt in Mainz









MESSAGE FROM THE 39TH SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC Rodney L.

Lightfoot



CSM Charles Miller

to assist in doing just that for its Soldiers, Civilians and families.

Looking forward into next month, the 39th Signal Battalion will be actively engaged in training, the BDE FTX, as well as a range and Commander's Prime Time Training. We are very proud of our Soldiers and Civilians and thank them and their families for their continued faithful service and sacrifice. **Will to Succeed!!**



Adults (Above) and children (below) enjoying themselves at Thanksgiving Dinner

Dear Soldiers, Civilians, Friends and Family, Greetings and Happy New Year!!

Soldiers, Civilians, families and friends of the 39th Signal Battalion in Watchdog Country, welcome back from the winter holiday season. We hope everyone enjoyed their time spent on leave or pass with their loved ones and we are especially thankful that everybody made it back safely and in one piece. The holidays always present us with plenty of time and various opportunities to strengthen our bonds with family and friends as well as to build camaraderie within the unit amongst the Soldiers. Over this past holiday season the 39th held a few functions

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Wrapping up the month of November on the 22nd, the 39th and the FRG collaborated on hosting a Thanksgiving potluck dinner held on Daumerie Caserne. Many families came out as well as single Soldiers to enjoy a plethora of dishes, desserts, drinks and a whole lot of turkey! An inflatable playpen was also there to occupy the young children and help them release some energy after a full course buffet for Thanksgiving dinner. We would like to thank all for attending and especially those who helped out with the event.



Left: (left to right) LTC Lightfoot, MAJ Colvin, CSM Miller, MAJ Taggart, John Beuckens

ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY

On December 3rd the annual Adult Holiday Party took place at the SHAPE Events Center. A lot of coordination took place to make this event a success and it definitely turned out to be a night to remember for the Soldiers, Civilians and their families. Not only did everyone show out dressing to impress, but there was a DJ, open bar, door prizes, a delicious buffet dinner and a slideshow put together of all the recent training and events for everyone to enjoy while they socialized and ate dinner. Next year's committee is surely going to have their hands full in trying to top this one.



Right: (left to right) Mrs. Chavarria, Mrs. McGlothan, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Swett and Mrs. Green









39TH SIGNAL BATTALION : ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY PICS CONT.



Above: SGT Soriano mixing it up as the DJ





Above: Soldiers and families enjoying the Holiday Party

Left: SSG Turner and his wife pictured with the grand prize of a 32 inch flat screen LCD television after winning the grand prize raffle drawing

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

A week later on the 10th of December, the Children's Holiday Party was held on Daumerie Caserne at the Garrison Chapel. The children and their parents were definitely in for a treat that night. FRG put together a wonderful event with a great atmosphere that enabled all of the families in attendance to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent. The evening began with snacks and socializing then moved into the main part of the night with the making of gingerbread houses. 39th's own civilian Ms. Marianne Marquis showed up as the subject matter expert to assist everybody in the construction of the houses and also to put the finishing touch on them to secure them upright. There was plenty of candy and treats for the kids to enjoy and towards the end they got a special surprise visit from Santa Clause himself.



Above: A finished gingerbread house by Janae McDowell

Right: Santa better known as PFC Tucker sitting with Noah and Hanna Swett the children of SPC Swett



Above: SFC McDowell's daughter Janae making her gingerbread house

HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

During the holidays the 39th was so engulfed in the holiday spirit that the Command Team put out a contest for decorating office doors. The section that won the best decorated door award would receive a special 3 day pass. The competition was thick and things got really intense as the competition drew to a close. The S-1 shop won 1st place honors with HRO coming in a close second.



The S-1 awardwinning door











39TH SIGNAL BATTALION: PROMOTIONS, AWARDS, BIRTHDAYS

Promotions:

1LT Michael McGlothan, 16 Jan 2011 Left: 1LT McGlothan with LTC Lightfoot



Left: SPC Farmer presented a Certificate of Achievement for Bagram VIII by LTC Lightfoot

Right: Mr Regis formally SFC is presented his retirement Meritorious Service Medal by LTC Lightfoot

Awards:

Below: SPC Faux presented a Certificate of Achievement for being the Soldier of the Quarter 1st Quarter FY 11 by LTC Lightfoot





Birthdays:

January

1	SPC Carlos	13	SGT Williams	19	SPC Jones R.	28	CPT Lawrence
3	SSG Nelson	14	CPT Chavarria	21	SPC King	30	SPC Varner
3	CW3 Ludwick	17	MAJ Colvin	22	CPT Pickering		
4	SGT Elias	17	PFC Novoa	22	SPC Fernandez		
6	SPC Brado	17	SPC Black	26	PV2 Stevens		
11	SGT Moore	18	PFC Tankle	27	SPC Whippo		





MESSAGE FROM THE 43D SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC John M. Demko

CSM Travis L. Cherry

Greetings from the Soldiers and Civilians of the 43D "Always Professional" Signal Battalion.

2011 is going to be an emotional and challenging year for the 43D Signal Battalion as we begin the deactivation of the 11th Signal Detachment and the transfer of certain missions to the 102nd Signal Battalion. We will continue to be "Always Professional" as we are dedicated to sending fully-qualified Teams and Soldiers throughout Europe and the Army at large.

Not everything is about the future. Let's walk through the highlights that made the last few months so special for Team 43D.

In November, the Battalion's Soldiers put away the ones and zeroes for a week and focused on our Army Warrior Tasks during a "tactical" FTX. We "deployed" to Spain where we conducted three days of reaction lanes using the Army Warrior Tasks to assist the residents of Cuidad Bago after a "devastating earthquake" ravaged their community. All three Companies saw marked improvement while executing the urban and vehicular search lanes and the 11th Signal Detachment choked back some tears as they won the Dragon Challenge on the NBC Lane.

The 43D Signal Battalion closed out 2010 as we welcomed and hosted COL and Mrs. Kilgo and CSM Brooks at our Battalion Holiday Social on 16 December 2010. The event was our last Social with our current structure and was highlighted by COL Kilgo's words of wisdom and LTC Demko's warm, witty, and worthy welcoming words (alliteration assuredly accidental).

Our Battalion Basketball Team began the season powerfully by crushing the hopes and dreams of their opponents and leaping straight into first place in the Heidelberg Community. They have picked up right where the Flag Football Team left off!

Several Soldiers and Family Members from the Battalion have also begun to mentor and tutor at the Heidelberg High School through the USAG Baden Wuerttemberg Adopt-A-School Program. As a combined Team of Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members, this Battalion's knowledge knows no limits.

Since this is the first publication after the New Year, the Command Sergeant Major and I would like to welcome the entire 43D Signal Team (all Soldiers, Civilians, and their Families) to a new year of possibilities and promise!

"Always Professional" LTC John M. Demko Battalion Commander

43D SIGNAL BATTALION 2010 HIGHLIGHTS: NOVEMBER TACTICAL FTX









43D SIGNAL BATTALION HEROES: SPECIALIST JOSEPH SMITH

On July 24, 2010 SPC Joseph Smith from the 181st Signal Company/43D Signal Battalion displayed acts of heroism at Landstuhl Regional Medical Facility (LRMC) by responding without hesitation to a situation based on his sound situational awareness and training that ultimately saved the life of a distressed Service Member.

The training that SPC Smith received enabled his ability to recognize signs and symptoms of depression from a Service Member that was injured down range and was experiencing personal challenges with his family. The Service Member asked SPC Smith if he would mail an envelope home to his family. SPC Smith immediately reported the situation to the LRMC Staff Duty NCO.

The Staff Duty NCO read the letter and they both headed to the emergency room and called the MP's. While waiting for the MP's to arrive, SPC Smith headed out on foot to find the Soldier. When Smith located the troubled Soldier the Service Member told SPC

Smith to leave him alone and that he just wanted to die. The MP's arrived on the scene and took the Service Member to the ER and found five empty pill bottles within his personal belongings. The Service Member's stomach was pumped and he was taken to the ICU for observation.

Mr. Walter Morales, the Suicide Prevention Program Manager stated, "Suicide prevention is everybody's business, and without your support, we cannot be successful in our efforts to further the Army's suicide prevention efforts".

The event was not recognized by his leadership until months later. When the situation was finally reported SPC Smith stated, "I was just doing my job, it was no big deal. Hopefully someone would do the same thing for me if I was in trouble". SPC Smith was recognized with an AAM on January 7, 2011.



LTC Demko presents SPC Smith with an Army Achievement Medal for his heroic actions.

43D SIGNAL BATTALION PICTURES/PROMOTIONS

Babies Born- 43 Sig BN DEC-JAN

Sasha Kayla Lessire, 14 DEC - Jordan Lessire HDG NEC Leilani Frances Tumbado Castro, 18 DEC - SPC Castro 11th Sig Det Shania Dove Kiger, 21 DEC - SGT Kiger HHD 43d

Promotions (DEC)

PFC Burger - to SPC PFC Haitz - to SPC PFC Magill - to SPC PFC Mattson - to SPC PFC Pulsinelli - to SPC

PFC Williams - to SPC (w/waiver)

PFC Rhein - to SPC PFC Wilson - to SPC

PV2 Alfred - to PFC (w/waiver)

PV2 Chavis - to PFC PV2 Low - to PFC PV2 Nagle - to PFC

Awards (DEC)

SGT Richardson - ARCOM (PCS) SSG Wilson - AAM (ACH) SPC Alcock - AAM (PCS)

Promotions (JAN)

SPC Kiger - to SGT (retroactive DOR 1Dec10) PFC Brown - to SPC (w/waiver)

PFC Schenk - to SPC PFC Dixon - to SPC

PFC Nathaniel - to SPC (w/waiver) PFC Youvella - to SPC (w/waiver)

Awards (JAN)

SPC Poss - AAM (ACH)

SPC Williams, Robert - AAM (PCS)

SPC Smith - AAM (IMPACT)

SGT Palms - AAM (PCS)

SGT Patterson - ARCOM (PCS)

SPC Williams, Nicholas - AAM (ACH)

PFC Howell - AAM (ACH)







MESSAGE FROM THE 52D SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM





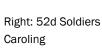
CSM Mark A. George

Soldiers, Civilians, Family Members, and Friends of the 52d Signal Battalion,

We hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and wish everyone a successful New Year! LTC Robert Vitt CSM Mark George



Left: Members of the 52nd Signal Battalion enjoying themselves at the 52nd Holiday Party





52D SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS

PROMOTIONS:

23 November 2010: 2LT Kim, Margaret - Promoted to 1LT

1 December 2010: SGT Curtis, Kristine - Promoted to SSG

6 December 2010: CPT Gibbs, Sean - Promoted to MAJ CW2 Mendez, Eddie - Promoted to CW3

17 December 2010: PV2 White, Shawn - Promoted to PFC

30 December 2010: PFC Dutcher, Andrew - Promoted to SPC

1 January 2011: SFC Perdue, Jon - Promoted to MSG SPC Oliver Freeman III - Promoted to SGT

6 January 2011: PFC Thomas, Selene - Promoted to SPC

15 January 2011: PFC Peterson, Jude - Promoted to SPC

January:

11-SSG Fuselier, Johnathan

13- SPC Baggett, Jerry

14- CW2 Armour, Kassiem

17- MAJ Mills, Bradley

18-SGT Rivera, Jarino

20-SPC Smith, Michael

21- PFC Hoffman, Matthew

22- PFC Anaya, Stephen

23-SSG Schermerhorn, Thomas

24-SFC Eaton, William II

28- SPC Cullens, Treyveon

29-SGT Hentz, Willie

31- CW3 Adams, James Jr.

BIRTHDAYS:

February:

1- SSG Matoslago, Angel

1- SPC Dadisman, Donell

3- SPC Mitchell, Robert 4- SPC Elliott, Landon

14- SPC Stevenson, Brett

15- PFC Pierce, Tallon

15- SPC Murray, Joshua

15- SFC Pasciak, Sheldon

16-SPC Riley, Jamie

19- PFC Alvarenga, Mike

20-SGT Hunt, David

21- SPC Lemons, Ernest III

23-SSG Pyara, Arron

24- PFC Mata, BJ

28- MAJ Easler, Johnathan

March:

3- SPC Joyner

4- SSG Vivolo, Gregory

11- SPC Kirchofner, Kodi

13- SGT Carey, Darnel

13-SGT Stracke, Aaron

18-SGT Edwards, Danny

22-SGT Ormiston, Michael

28-SPC Baggett, Adam 29- MSG Perdue, Jon

30-SPC Derham, Adam

Below: Soldiers doing a skit about the 587th Signal Company

ARRIVALS:

PV2 Yourgal, Michael - Arrived 13 Dec PFC Silva, Charles - Arrived 21 Dec SSG Duenas, John - Arrived 7 Jan SSG Vivolo, Gregory - Arrived 7 Jan SPC Smith, Michael - Arrived 7 Jan

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CFC-O Awards Ceremony in Heidelberg - 14 Feb



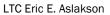






102D SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM







CSM Robert A. Daniel, Jr.



Snowy Battalion Headquarters in December









Happy Holidays!

The 102D Signal Battalion celebrated the holidays on December 4, 2010. There were plenty of food and fun, and the event lead up to the arrival of Santa Claus who presented the children with gifts.













102D SIGNAL BATTALION PICTURES





Santa's Not Finished Yet!



102D SIGNAL BATTALION PROMOTIONS



Left: LTC Aslakson presents SSG Gavelan with his Certificate of Promotion.

Right: LTC Aslakson presents SSG Mata with his Certificate of Promotion.



Left: CPT Brown presents SGT Valle with his Certificate of Promotion.

> Right: CPT Brown presents SPC Franke with his Certificate of Promotion.





GENERAL McAULIFFE







102D SIGNAL BATTALION EVENTS: BASTOGNE MARCH



Soldiers of the 102D Signal Battalion joined a mix of people from all over Europe in a commemorative march in Bastogne, Belgium in remembrance of the Battle of the Bulge.















102D SIGNAL BATTALION EVENTS: TURKEY BOWL

"E-5 and below squared off against E-6 and above in this year's Turkey Bowl. The game ended with the victory of the E-6 and above team."















102D SIGNAL BATTALION EVENTS: TURKEY BOWL CONT.















509TH SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM





LTC G. Shawn Wells

CSM Brian W. Warren

High Frequency Radio Training

By 1LT Neville Rose



Pictured above: members of 509th EST Platoon: PFC Steward, PFC Danger-field and SPC Hawkins

Vicenza Italy

On 10 January 2011, the 509th Expeditionary Signal Teams (EST) conducted High Frequency (HF) Radio training in order to better meet the tactical radio requirements found on the continent of Africa. The training was conducted using the Harris AN/PRC-150 radio set. The AN/PRC 150 is a member of the Falcon II family of multiband tactical radio systems. It is an advanced HF-SSB/VHF-FM man-pack radio that provides reliable tactical communications through enhanced secure voice and data. In addition to the HF capability, the transceiver's extended frequency range (to 60

MHz) provides secure FSK 16 kbps CVSD voice and data in the VHF band.

Representatives from the Harris Radio Corporation were invited by the 509th to facilitate training on the Ca-

serma. Members from the EST trained along-side fellow Signaleers from the U.S. Army Africa (USARAF) G6 during the four day long training event. The event helped foster a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities between the EST and USARAF. The training also included the U.S. Marine Forces Africa (MARFORAF) located in Stuttgart, Germany, providing realistic joint training. During the Joint Exercise with MAR-FORAF, the following services were tested: voice, chat, and photo file transfer. Over the course of the instruction, Soldiers were familiarized with the radio's functions and capabilities. Among the topics covered were: HF Theory, Troubleshooting, Preventive Maintenance, Antennas, components, and description. Students utilized both Sloping V Antenna used for longer distances and the Field Expedient NVIS Antenna used for short distances up to 300 miles.

"Programming the radio itself was a lot easier than I thought it would be," said PFC Michael Navarro, an EST Communications Specialist.

Mr. Jean Valdez, the 509th Network Analyst, stated that the training the Soldiers received is invaluable to the USARAF mission. It will greatly assist in the troubleshooting and link establishment of tactical communications and services while on the ground in Africa.

509TH SIGNAL BATTALION BIRTHDAYS, PROMOTIONS, AWARDS

Birthday:

SGT Hurd 5 DEC SFC Stevenson 13 DEC PFC Walker 13 JAN SPC Copp 16 JAN

Promotions:

SGT Moye 1 NOV 10 SGT Rodgers 1 NOV 10 1LT Durden 16 JAN 11 1LT Rose 16 JAN 11 SPC Perez 22 JAN 11

Awards:

CPT (CH) Perez, ARCOM, NOV 10, PCS SFC Cruz, MSM, DEC 10, PCS SFC Stevenson, MSM, JAN 11, Retirement

Anniversaries:

MAJ Kittinger 7 DEC









GRADUATES FROM 509TH SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS: TWO SOROC

By 1LT Neville Rose

Recently, two Soldiers from the 509th Signal Battalion's Expeditionary Signal Team completed the Special Operations Radio Operator Course (SOROC) in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. SFC Jimmy Jimenez and SPC Shawn Johnson from Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy completed the seventeen-week course which consisted of four modules: Radio Theory, Networking, SHF Theory, Troubleshooting and creating User Accounts.

According to both Soldiers, this was a very challenging course and well worth their efforts.



Above: SFC Jimenez and SPC Johnson

SFC Jimenez, SPC Johnson, and the other students were given an initial Physical Fitness Test followed by one follow on test each month. The Physical Fitness Test consisted of push-ups, situps, pull-ups, 3-mile run, and an 8-mile foot march with a 45-pound rucksack. Each student was individually tested on each of the four modules that measured their proficiency and competence.

The tests were broken into two parts and each student was given a scenario with random equipment with the expectation being to complete all tasks in a set time. The next section was a written evaluation which consisted of multiple-choice, true or false, and fill in the blank questions.

The SOROC course also incorporated the Marine Corps Combat Fitness Test which included a half-mile run in boots and ACU's, completing an obstacle course, and performing stationary exercises.

The students were evaluated at Fort Knox, Kentucky, during their final field training exercise evaluation. The training was set up to simulate real world missions that were broken up into four different training sites, each with their own unique missions. Students were given various scenarios in which they had to plan and execute a mission.

The only guidance the students were given was a Communication PACE Plan. The class was broken into teams and had to execute communication checks on schedule in order to be successful. The only exception was the LNO site.

Module I covered Radio Theory, basic signal flow, and the different types of antennas and propagation. The training was conducted in the following areas: utilizing a multi-meter, bird watt meter, antenna tester, constructing and repairing RF cables. Communications was established by placing the AN/PRC-117 radios into operation via TACSAT and HPW, and included the AN/PRC-148 MBITR. The STE phones setup and operation utilized an AN/CYZ-10 to receive key material over the STE and installed and setup the WAVE Server. These are a few of the many operations that were explored.

Module II of the training consisted of Networking, where instructors went over signal flow and troubleshooting procedures. The following areas were covered in module II: configuring switches, routers, Cisco Call Manager (CCM), loading and utilizing the KG-175D, KG-250, and KG-250B, tunneling, creating VLANS and setting up VOIPS and PCs to access the NIPR and SIPR domain, making a roll over, cross over, and straight through cable with CAT- V, also making fiber cables with connectors.

Module III included SHF theory and revisited signal flow and trouble shooting. The training during module III encompassed the setting up and utilizing three different types of VSATS with the MDRT package. The VSATS used were the Chettah, Hawkeye-Lite I and Hawkeye-Lite II, the Whisper 400, and DMCS 4 meter dish. Permission was requested to establish the satellite link to satisfy the appropriate polarization. All other areas of training required one person to setup whereas with the DMCS it required two.

The last training module encompassed creating user accounts, users and groups, setting up a deployment mail box, imaging computers and adding them to the domain, installing software, networking a printer, adding the computer to the domain, utilizing an Active Directory and remoting into a

computer and server. The students also created a web page on Share Point. Throughout all of these phases, the students had to use all the cables that they constructed and tested. Another aspect of the training included setting up and operating the equipment and sending traffic over the net.

SFC Jimenez and SPC Johnson agreed the course load was mentally challenging and required their complete attention. Each member of the team had to stay driven, dedicated and focused in order to achieve their goals.

"Specialized training is key to ensuring Soldiers' mission success while supporting customers' emerging requirements. At the 509th we have made an absolute commitment to obtaining the best possible training for our Soldiers so that they remain technically proficient at all times, and provide the highest level of support to our customers while conducting missions in austere environments. At the Special Operations Radio Operator Course (SOROC). our EST members are exposed to a myriad of C4IS equipment and platforms. This training provides our ESTs with the necessary communication edge to ensure mission success while operating across the full spectrum of operations in a dynamic environment such as Africa. We at the 509th will continue to invest the necessary resources to ensure all our team members maintain the highest level of technical proficiency, and thus will continue to send our very best to SOROC," said LTC G. Shawn Wells, Jr., 509th Signal Battalion Commander.

"I highly recommend the course for all Soldiers in the EST section. It is not a gentlemen's course and definitely not for the weak. You have to be mentally and physically fit in order to graduate from this training course," said Jimenez upon reflection after his SOROC graduation.

The 509th Signal Battalion now has a total of five SOROC graduates: four from the EST platoon, and one civilian who currently works as the Battalion's Network Analyst. The recent SOROC graduates will act as additional force multipliers as they bring advanced communications skills to the mission and impart their new found tactics, techniques, and procedures to their fellow Soldiers.







509TH SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS: ADVANCED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. James P. Rogenski was nominated to represent 2nd Signal Brigade at the National Defense University; Advanced Management Program (AMP) Ft. McNair, Washington D.C. James successfully completed the rigorous 14 month Chief Information Officer (CIO) curriculum demonstrating his commitment to excellence. The AMP program's core curriculum included: government policy, organizational performance, process improvement, enterprise architecture, and strategic leadership. These courses, coupled with three additional electives comprise the total learning experience. The class demographics included: Army Signal Officers, international military officers and civilians from the Department of Justice, Interior, Air Force and Army. The capstone event was a trip to Seattle, Washington to visit: Alaska Airlines, COSTCO, City of Seattle, Microsoft, University of Washington, Boeing, and Seattle Children's Hospital senior information technology professionals. The AMP

graduates interviewed Chief Information Officers (CIO), Chief Information Security Officers (CISO) and Chief Technology Officers (CTO) across diverse industry perspectives enabling students to compare and contrast the people, organizational processes and technology utilized to support operations. James stated; "I highly recommend this program for individuals looking to advance their carriers and gain greater knowledge of how our government functions".

James has been recognized for his accomplishment and selected to represent 2nd Signal Brigade and 5th Signal Command as the Network Enterprise Center transformation representative for NETCOM G8. Mr. Rogenski's enhanced understanding of strategic enterprise concepts and ability to communicate across organizations adds great value to the Brigade mission and the success of future signal operations in Europe.



Above: Mr. James Rogenski



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MESSAGE FROM THE HHC COMMAND TEAM





CPT Sirena Sias 19

1SG Jessie Davis

Dear Soldiers, Civilians, Friends and Family of HHC,

We hope you all enjoyed the Holiday Season as much as we did. Our Holiday Social was a blast., and we truly appreciate the Soldiers and Spouses who helped make this a great event. 2011 looks to be a fast paced and ex-

hilarating year, with many exciting events such as the Brigade FTX in February followed shortly by Regimental Week in April. Have a wonderful New Year and enjoy the memories!

> Sirena Sias CPT, SC Commanding







HHC PICTURES: CIVILIAN AWARDS PRESENTATION

COL Kilgo (upper right) and CSM Brooks (upper left) at the Civilian Awards Presentation on 20 January 2011.









HHC 2D SIGNAL BRIGADE-HOLIDAY SOCIAL



MAJ Thompson with son Andrew.



Ms. Garnish



Mr. Bravo



From left to right: Vanessa, SFC Lisica, wife Tara and baby Juliana.



Left to Right: SPC Oliver, PFC Sandoval & PV2 Arista



Left to Right: Little Jakob Elliott enjoys his meal as Mommy and Daddy supervise.





HHC 2D SIGNAL BRIGADE-HOLIDAY SOCIAL



Right: Mr. Speelman with wife Wipada.



Left: the Killingsworth Family



Left to right 1st row: SFC Garcia, SGT Marsland, SGT DeVera, SPC Ruland, PV2 Arista, 2d row: SPC Wilson, PFC Sandoval, SGT Skiles, PFC Williams, and PFC Collins.





Santa and SGT Marsland put on a great time for the children.



Left to right: SSG McCracken, $\,$ PFC Reed and PFC Collins.







HHC 2D SIGNAL BRIGADE-HOLIDAY SOCIAL

















Until Next Time!! Aufwiedersehen!